

A1 the use of an exterior washer that fits over the post once the post has extended through the grommet hole. Thus, the shoulder is of sufficient circumference and diameter so that it cannot pass through a grommet hole, but wherein the post may extend through the hole, whereby a washer is placed over the post to secure it in place. One will appreciate that the washer placed over the post may be of different configurations, colors, etc. and is primarily intended as a cosmetic component. The washer may not require a fixation to the post and/or fabric adjacent thereto and can simply be maintained in its position on the post due to the fact that an attaching ring or article through the post aperture will prevent the washer from falling off. The washer can, however, also be affixed to the grommet structure and/or the belt, fabric, etc. of the article to which the grommet is attached. Various adhesives, riveting structures, threaded connections, etc., are also possible in order to achieve securement of the present invention to a desired article.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

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1. (Once Amended) A device for attaching one or more items thereto, comprising,
- an extended post having at least one aperture running transversely therethrough;
- said post operatively connected to a shoulder, whereby when said device is affixed
- 5 to a desired article having: (i) an interior side facing toward an interior volume defined substantially by said desired article, said interior volume for placing one or more body portions or objects therein, and (ii) an exterior side facing substantially away from the interior volume, wherein said shoulder is positioned on said interior side, and said extended post includes at least an outwardly extending portion that extends outwardly
- 10 from said exterior side;
- a first portion, connecting between at least a portion of said shoulder and said outwardly extending portion, for supporting said device on said desired article, wherein a user of said device can reversibly attach different items to said device by inserting for

each of said different items an attachment in said aperture provided in said outwardly extending portion.

2. The device as set forth in Claim 1 further comprising a washer that fits over said post for securing said device to said desired article, said article selected from the group consisting of a garment, a belt, a purse, and luggage.

3. The device of Claim 1 wherein said post and said shoulder are threadedly connected to each other.

4. The device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said post has only one aperture therethrough.

5. The device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said at least one aperture is a double counter sunk hole.

6. The device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said post and said shoulder are connected to each other at a 90 degree angle.

7. The device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said post and said shoulder are connected to each other with a ball and socket connection.

8. The device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said post and shoulder are integral with each other.

Please amended Claim 9 as follows:

A3B | 9. (Once Amended) The device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said shoulder has a cavity provided therein which permits said shoulder to fit over a button included as part of said desired article.

[Please amend Claim 10 as follows:]

10. (Once Amended) A device for attaching one or more items thereto, comprising:

an extended post having a length and at least one aperture running transversely of said length ;

5 a shoulder having first and second opposed surfaces and being operatively connected to said post, wherein said post includes a portion that extends outwardly from at least said first surface and said aperture is on said outwardly extending portion of said post;

10 a contact portion for contacting a desired article so that said device is supported on said desired article, said contact portion including at least part of said first surface for contacting said desired article and wherein said desired article supports said device when one of (a) and (b) following hold:

15 (a) said contact portion includes a portion of said length extending through said desired article wherein said article supports said device regardless of an orientation of said desired article about said length, and

(b) said contact portion includes at least a portion of said second surface such that a portion of desired article is secured between said portion of said first surface and said portion of said second surface;

20 wherein a user can reversibly attach different items to said device by inserting for each of said different items a corresponding attachment in said aperture;

wherein said desired article is portable with the user and includes at least a portion which conforms to a part of the user's body contacting said desired article.

Please add new Claims 11-19.

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11. (New) The device of Claim 10, wherein said contact portion includes a portion of said length extending through said desired article wherein said article supports said device regardless of an orientation of said desired article about said length.

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12. (New) The device of Claim 10, wherein said contact portion includes said portion of said second surface such that a portion of desired article is secured between said portion of said first surface and said portion of said second surface.

13. (New) The device of Claim 10, wherein said desired article includes one of: a garment, a belt, a purse, and luggage.

14. (New) The device of Claim 10, wherein there is a closed edge surrounding said first surface, and at least a majority of said edge contacts said desired article when said desired article supports said device.

15. (New) The device of Claim 10, wherein the desired article includes one of: jeans, a pair of pants, and an overall.

16. (New) The device of Claim 1, wherein said article includes a flexible portion for conforming to the user's body.

17. (New) The device of Claim 1, wherein said article includes at least one extent that is greater than a largest extent of said shoulder.

18. (New) The device of Claim 1, wherein said first portion includes an extent of said post extending through said desired article such that said device is supported on said

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desired article independently of a orientation of said extent of said post relative to said desired article.

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19. (New) / The divice of Claim 1, wherein the desired article includes one of:
jeans, a pair of pants, and an overall.
